

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:512
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003
OUTSTANDING DUES OF SUGARCANE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise outstanding dues owed to the sugarcane growers upto 31st January, 2003 and the payments made to them against total outstanding during the year 2003, till date;
- (b) the action taken by the Government to ensure early payment of the entire dues to the farmers; and
- (c) the burden the Government will have to bear every year on account of reimbursement of internal transportation charges to the sugar mills and reimbursement on account of offset of ocean freight charges on sugar export shipments?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.512 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25-04-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to (c) : A Table indicating the position, State-wise, of cane price payable, cane price paid and the balance outstanding for the 2002-03 sugar season upto 31st January, 2003 is enclosed at the Annexure.

2. The following steps have been taken to facilitate speedy clearance of the cane price dues of sugarcane growers:-

(i) A Buffer Stock of 20 lakh tonnes of sugar was created in December, 2002 for a period of one year involving an outgo of Rs. 412 crores from the Sugar Development Fund; Rs. 374 crores would be released by Banks on account of the Buffer Stock. Thus, an amount of Rs.786 crores would become available for the payment of cane price dues,

(ii) The levy obligation of sugar factories has been reduced to 10% w.e.f. 1st March, 2002 to enable the factories to sell more sugar under levy-free quota in the open market,

(iii) The sugar factories have been extended temporary relief by way of permission to sell equivalent quantity of unlifted levy sugar stocks, as levy-free sugar, in the open market.

(iv) To liquidate surplus stocks of sugar, it has been decided to promote exports of sugar and measures initiated in this regard which, inter alia, include reimbursement of internal transport charges with effect from 21st June, 2002, as also reimbursement of ocean freight disadvantage at the rate of Rs.350 per tonne with effect from 14th February, 2003.

3. The burden on the Sugar Development Fund for reimbursement of internal transport charges and neutralization of ocean freight disadvantage would depend upon the actual quantum of sugar exports.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 512 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25-04-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(Fig. in crores)

State	Total price payable for cane purchased during upto 31.1.2003	cane price paid payable as on 31.1.2003	Balance cane price
2002-03 upto 31.1.03			

Andhra Pradesh	501.72	315.73	186.99
Assam	0	0	0
Bihar	102.65	55.14	47.51
Goa	4.83	3.95	0.88
Gujarat	378.39	328.6	49.79
Haryana	109.48	28.40	81.08
Karnataka	587.89	285.4	302.49
Kerala	1.77	0	1.77
Madhya Pradesh	30.18	24.64	5.54
Maharashtra	1158.65	982.44	176.21
Nagaland	0	0	0
Orissa	16.35	9.32	7.03
Pondicherry	5.97	0.22	5.75
Punjab	311.01	150.49	160.52
Rajasthan	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	337.42	158.41	179.01
U.P.	1543.71	687.88	855.83
Uttaranchal	3.56	0	3.56
West Bengal	2.49	0	2.49

All India Total	5096.07	3030.62	2065.45
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